



BIG STEAMER CONSUMED BY FIRE

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PASSENGERS PERISH IN FIRE AND WATER

The Side Wheel River Craft Destroyed Yesterday Morning—Many Passengers Burned to Death. Though the Boat Was Healed for Shore as Soon as the Fire Was Discovered, Those on Board Who Jumped into the Swift Current Were Swept Away and Drowned. In the Panic the Officers and Crew Are Unable to Render Assistance with Boats or Life Preservers. Many Passengers Rescued in Boats Sent from the Shore—Sixty Dead or Missing.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cairo, Ill., April 20.—One of the worst disasters in the history of Ohio river navigation occurred shortly after 4 o'clock this morning, near Ogden's Landing, near this city. While almost all aboard were asleep, the steamer City of Pittsburg was discovered to be on fire, and in a few moments was burned to the water's edge. The loss of over \$50,000 on the steamer does not include the cargo, both being a total loss. The latest estimates are that 150 persons were aboard and not more than half of them were saved.

Many of those saved were burned or injured. As the register of the steamer was burned, no list can be given, either of the victims or of the survivors, and in the confusion it has been impossible to get complete lists. Captain Phillips admits that the death list may reach sixty.

Passenger's Story. H. T. Gardner, of Tolpinston, Ind., who was among the saved relates his experience as follows: "About five o'clock I was awakened by the electric bells and the screams of passengers. I put on a life preserver and my clothes and went out and jumped overboard. I was almost caught under the wheel and saw one man drown, who was carried under the boat by the current. I was badly bruised about the ribs, but I am a good swimmer and managed to get ashore."

Passengers Were in Bed. Most of the passengers were still in bed when Second Clerk Oliver gave the alarm. The engineers at once started all the pumping engines, while the crew brought all the hose into play. Amid the streams of water on all sides, the flames from the lower deck and dense clouds of smoke, the passengers rushed from their state rooms and a frightful panic ensued. The appeals of the officers and crew could not appease the panic-stricken crowds that interfered with those throwing water on the flames, as well as with those working with the life-boats. Few could adjust life preservers or do anything for themselves.

From the river banks, the sparks from the burning craft and the dense clouds of smoke, tinged with flames, made a most impressive and weird spectacle. Boats were sent from shore to help in the work of rescue, and, laden to their limit with passengers in the scant attire they had been able to gather, were brought back to the river banks. As fast as the boats could be emptied, they returned to the ill-fated steamer, the rescuers losing no time from their work.

Steamer Headed for Shore. The burning steamer was quickly headed to the bank, but passengers were forced to jump from the stern and trying to swim ashore through the swift current, many were drowned. Many also perished in the flames. Only one yawl was saved, without oars, and the women were taken off. About twenty or thirty were taken off in the yawl.

Help, except from people living nearby, did not arrive until 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, and the passengers, with only night clothes, and without food, suffered terribly.

SUNDAY IN NEW YORK.

Everything Wide Open—The Raines Hotels Do a Thriving Business. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 20.—The Sunday laws were neither enforced nor observed to the letter in this city today. If there were fewer excise arrests than on any previous Sunday of late, it was not because the saloonkeepers complied with the law. As a rule, the Raines hotels did a thrifty business, with the aid of the regular sandwich, and in many cases without that adjunct. Saloonkeepers not in possession of a hotel license conducted their places in a more discreet manner and a great number of these were closed altogether.

WORK OF THE FIRE FIEND

Disastrous Conflagrations in Missouri, Texas and London.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., April 20.—A destructive fire visited the southwestern part of this city today, laying waste a section of dwelling houses almost a quarter of a mile long and a block wide and doing damage to the amount of \$75,000.

About fifty dwelling houses were destroyed and 60 or more families were rendered homeless. A high wind amounting almost to a gale was blowing and the flames spread with alarming rapidity.

The fire started in a grocery store. Many persons lost all of their property. Much furniture and other property was destroyed, after having been piled in supposed places of safety.

RIOTS AT LOUVAIN END IN BLOODSHED

Leader of the Mob, Refusing to Halt, Was Stabbed with a Bayonet. Several Were Killed. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Brussels, April 20.—The papers here contain vivid descriptions of the riots which occurred at Louvain, near here, last Friday.

The mob, which was returning from the station after meeting the Socialist deputies from Brussels, divided into two bands, one making for the residence of the president of the chamber, M. Schollaert, and the other for that of the minister of the interior, M. De Trooz. The first mentioned mob was led by a man of gigantic stature, flourishing a butcher knife. After breaking through the ranks of one squad of the civic guard, the mob found its way blocked in a narrow lane by another squad of the guard.

BRUSSELS STRIKERS RESUME WORK

The Council Issues a Manifesto to Workingmen to This Effect. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Brussels, April 20.—At a general council of the labor party held here today it was resolved that work by the strikers in all sections should be resumed.

WILHELMINA'S CONDITION

Signs Yesterday Were Regarded as Favorable. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. The Hague, April 20.—The condition of Queen Wilhelmina remains practically unchanged. She does not lose consciousness and has taken a little more nourishment.

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GENERAL REEDER STANDS BY ELKIN

Chairman of Republican State Committee Will Not Follow Senator Quay This Time. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Easton, Pa., April 20.—General Frank Reeder, Republican state chairman and state banking commissioner under Governor Stone, has declared against Senator Quay and in favor of the candidacy of Attorney General Elkin for governor.

QUAY LEADERS AT SEA

Dissatisfaction in Luzerne Over the Senator's Failure to Take Some Definite Stand. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 20.—Complaints received from the Republican primary election held yesterday in the Third Legislative district give Elkin a good working majority in the district convention which meets tomorrow and which, it is thought, will elect two delegates to the state convention pledged to vote for the attorney general for governor.

DURHAM'S MAN FOR MAYOR

Said He Will Put Forward State Senator John M. Scott. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, April 20.—Senator John M. Scott, of the Eighth ward, is Insurance Commissioner Durham's candidate for mayor, and he hopes to see him succeed Mayor Ashbridge.

PENROSE IS KEPT BUSY

"Bull" Andrews Swings Round the Circle in Behalf of Quay. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, April 20.—Senator Penrose, who arrived in Philadelphia late Friday night, was busy in his office yesterday conferring with prospective members of the next legislature. Many of them were from points up the state. Senator Penrose declined to discuss the gubernatorial situation.

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GOOD EFFECTS OF MALVAR'S CAPTURE

Small Parties of Insurgents Surrender Almost Daily to the American Authorities—General Smith's Case Will Be Investigated—He Tells of the Difficulties Encountered by the Soldiers in Samar—The Cholera Situation.

Case of General Smith

General Jacob H. Smith, who was in command of the American forces in the island of Samar at the time Major L. W. F. Waller, of the marine corps, is said to have executed natives of that island without trial, was to have gone home on the army transport Buford, which left today for San Francisco, but he disembarked and will remain here.

The Cholera Situation

The cholera situation shows no improvement. There has been a total of 288 cases and 200 deaths in Manila, and 856 cases and 602 deaths in the provinces.

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